been undertaken in conformity with the Department of Personnel and Training 's guidelines, for implementation of the decision in a phased manner.

Effluent Treatment Plant in ITI Complex, Bangalore

1870. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an automatic effluent treatment plant was inaugurated at the Indian Telephone Industries Complex at Bangalore;

(b) if so, the total cost incurred on setting up this plant; and

(c) to what extent, this plant will help in the replacement the conventional batch type treatment system?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total cost incurred on setting up this plant is approximately Rs. 27 lakhs.

(c) This plant will replace fully the existing conventional batch type treatment system of metal finishing and PCB effluent. The new system is continuous and faster compared to the old system which was slow and non-continuous (batch type). The new system will increase the efficiency of treatment of effluents resulting in greater adherence to the anti-pollution standards.

Diesel based Power Plant at Ernakulam, Kerala

1871. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a diesel based power plant in Ernakulam District in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be set up and the expenditure to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). A Feasibility Report for setting up 100 MW Diesel Generating Power Plant near Brahapuram, about 20 km. from Ernakulam in Kerala, has been submitted by Kerala Government. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 325 crores. Various inputs such as fuel oil linkage, environmental clearances, compliance of Section 29 of Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, etc. are yet to be tied up. The proposal can be considered for clearance by Central Electricity Authority after the various inputs are tied up by Kerala Government.

[*Translation*]

Gas based Power Project in Bharauch in Gujarat

1872. SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a gas based power project in Bharauch district in Gujarat,

(b) if so, the time by which the said power project will be constructed ; and

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon and the number of people to be benefited therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) to (c) It is proposed to set up the following two Gas-based Power Projects in Bharauch district of Gujarat -

(i) Gandhar Combined Cycle Gas Turbine TPS of NTPC 650 MW

(ii) Gandhar combined Cycle Gas Turbine TPS of Gujrat 615 MW

The Gandhar Combined Cycle Gas Turbine TPS (alongwith the Associated Transmission System) of NTPC has since been approved by the Government at an estimated cost of Rs 1860 11 Crores The project is likely to be completed in a period of 42 months after the award of main plant contract The necessary infrastructural development at site is progressing satisfactorily As regards Gandhar Combined Cycle Gas Tribune TPS of Gujarat, it has not got the investment approval The commissioning of these stations would improve the power supply position of the State of Gujarat and the Western Region

Expenditure on Telephone Bills of Ministers

1873 SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the month-wise expenditure incurred on the telephone bills of each of ministers during the last eight months?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) The information has been called for from the concerned Ministries and it will be placed on the Table of The House as soon as it is received

[*English*]

Expansion of Telephone Exchanges in Kerala

1874. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the details regarding the expansion of telephone exchanges in Kerala,

(b) whether the Government propose to set up new telephone exchanges in Kerala during 1992-93, and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) There were 639 telephone exchanges in Kerala state as on 31 3 1991 During the current financial year 1991-92, 94 telephone exchanges have been expanded upto 31st January, 1992 with total addition in the Switching Capacity by 30545 lines 73 more telephone exchanges are likely to be expanded during the remaining part of the year

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) 10 New telephone exchanges are planned to be opened during 92-93 at Polaorkavu, Karimpon, Kanjikuzhy, Vazhavara, Puliyammala, Mekkadamba, Delampady, Rajagiri, Vettilapara and Nilamel in the State of Kerala

[*Translation*]

Supply of Power from Rihand Dam

*1875 SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether power to Bihar is no supplied from Rihand Dam,